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Audit Staff (DD/A and DD/S), 1953-56

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Audit Staff *

The Agency's Auditor-in-Chief, as he was called from January 1953¹ to February 1955, remained attached during that period to the immediate office of the DD/A,² and was located first (as of January 1953) adjacent to the DD/A in nearby South Building and later (by October 1953) at 2210 E Street. Along with this staff section, the DD/A group also had a separate office for audits, called the Audit Office (AO) and located in I Building, where headquarters audits, in particular, were presumably handled. Finally, the DD/A had a field auditing organization, whose relationships to the Auditor-in-Chief and to the Audit Office (as well as to the DD/P, the DCI, and the IG, among others) remain to be further identified and explained, historically.

After the February 1955 reorganization of the DD/A group into the DD/S group, the Auditor-in-Chief was renamed Chief, Audit Staff, and reappointed to the immediate office of the DD/S. Shortly thereafter his staff was re-located in East Building (the old Administration Building), where most of the rest of the immediate office of the DD/S was located. The Chief, Audit Staff, remained part of O/DDS until about October 1956, when the position disappeared from the O/DDS section of the Agency directory.

¹ The origins of this office went back to 1951 and earlier; see Historical Staff study, "Organizational History of CIA, 1950-53" (1957), Chapter X passim.

² See above p. 8.

* Excerpt (pp.39-41) from Historical Staff study, "Organizational 'Genealogy' of the DD/A and DD/S Group, 1953-56" (July 16, 1957); for entire study see HS folder "DD/S (1953-56)." For additional references to the

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Meanwhile, [since February 1955], the Chief, Audit Staff (in addition to being represented on the immediate staff of the DD/S) was also operating head of the expanded Audit Staff (AS), located in I Building. The Audit Staff as a whole apparently resulted from a merger of three auditing elements in the Agency: (1) the Auditor-in-Chief, O/DDA, and his immediate assistants, renamed Chief, Audit Staff, in February 1955; (2) the Audit Office (AO), which was renamed the "Headquarters Division" of the new Audit Staff, in February 1955;¹ and (3) the field audit organization. *Field Audit Divisions*

By January 1956 (late 1955?) the Chief, Audit Staff, was re-located in I Building, adjacent to the Headquarters Audit Division. By July 1956 he was shown for the first time (in the Agency directory) as actually supervising the entire Audit Staff, thus merely confirming, perhaps, what was probably true [since February 1955]. Finally by October 1956 he disappeared from the DD/S immediate office (in the Agency directory) and appeared from then on only as head of the expanded Audit Staff of the DD/S group.

The Audit Staff, although in name a "staff," apparently in actual practice had the status of a major operating office in the DD/S group, so it appears from the Agency directory. By the end of 1956 it consisted of two headquarters elements (in addition to the field auditing organization, which [presumably] was continued, in 1955 and 1956, under its technical supervision):

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